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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 183335 ACTION SEOUL 23 JULY 76.

QUOTE

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE -- SECRETARY'S RESTATEMENT OF
PROPOSALS FOR FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED JULY 23 FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN.

2. QUOTE QUESTION: THIS IS NOT A NEW PROPOSAL. WHY
ARE YOU REPEATING IT NOW?

3. ANSWER: AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED YESTERDAY, WE
BELIEVE THAT THE SUREST WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE
KOREAN QUESTION IS THROUGH RESUMPTION OF THE SOUTH-NORTH
DIALOGUE, PARALLELED BY DISCUSSIONS AMONG SOUTH AND NORTH
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KOREA, OURSELVES AND THE PRC. THEREFORE, WE RENEWED OUR
PROPOSAL IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID ANOTHER FRUITLESS UN
DEBATE.

4. QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL BE ANY MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THE PRC AND NORTH KOREA THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR?

5. ANSWER: WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT THE VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED IS THE BEST WAY TO ARRIVE AT LASTING PEACE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE PENINSULA.

6. QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THE RESTATEMENT WITH THE PRC BEFORE THE SPEECH WAS MADE?

7. ANSWER: WE DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS WHICH COUNTRIES MAY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED ON THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH. HOWEVER, IT WAS DISCUSSED WITH OR BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN KOREA.

8. QUESTION: WAS THERE ANY CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREA ON THE SPEECH?

9. ANSWER: I'VE JUST ANSWERED THAT QUESTION.

10. QUESTION: DID YOU CONSULT WITH THE ROKG ON THE RESTATEMENT?

11. ANSWER: YES. I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENT WHICH THE ROK FOREIGN MINISTER MADE ON THE SPEECH YESTERDAY. END QUOTE

12. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON KOREA AT NOON BRIEFING JULY 23. ROBINSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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